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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, ESTC, CU, CA

SUBJECT: LITTON SUBSIDIARY SALE TO CUBA

REF: STATE 281818

1. CANADIAN CHARGE MCKINNEY CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN DECEMBER 31 TO DELIVER NOTE (NO. 531, BEING POUCHED), EXPRESSING "SERIOUS CONCERN" THAT A CANADIAN COMPANY WAS "BEING DETERRED" FROM EXECUTING EXPORT ORDER AND REQUESTING US GOVERNMENT ACTION TO REMOVE "WHATEVER DETERRENT MAY EXIST". HE ASKED THAT LITTON LICENSE APPLICATION, WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD WOULD BE FILED TODAY, BE GIVEN PROMPT ATTENTION, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE JANUARY 20 WHEN PARLIAMENT RECONVENES.

2. NOTING CUBAN INTEREST IN PROBING US POLICY, AND THAT NO LICENSE APPLICATION HAD BEEN BEFORE US AUTHORITIES, HARTMAN ASKED HOW CASE HAD FIRST COME TO PUBLIC ATTENTION. MCKINNEY SAID HE WAS NOT SURE BUT THOUGHT LITTON

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CANADIAN SUBSIDIARY HAD BEEN INITIAL SOURCE OF PRESS

REPORT. HARTMAN POINTED OUT DELICACY AND SENSITIVITY FOR OUR RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA OF CUBAN POLICY, ON WHICH OAS COUNTRIES HOLD DIFFERING VIEWS. HE HOPED CANADIAN AUTHORITIES IN PUBLIC STANCE WOULD SEEK KEEP CASE FROM BEING BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION. MCKINNEY SAID HE WOULD REGISTER THIS POINT WITH OTTAWA.

3. HARTMAN SAID CANADIAN NOTE WOULD BE TAKEN INTO FULL ACCOUNT IN CONSIDERING LITTON APPLICATION WHEN MADE. BROWN

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